(vii) A comprehensive insurance scheme, *viz.* Pravasi Bharatiya Bima Yojana, 2006, is in place, which makes it mandatory for every emigrant worker to be covered under the Scheme while seeking emigration clearance. The Scheme, *inter-alia*, provides workers with life insurance, medical expenses and legal expenses cover and also the deportation expenses wherever needed. With effect from 01.04.2008, the scheme has been upgraded by providing additional benefits at reduced premium rates. Workers now have life insurance coverage of Rs.10 lakhs (in place of Rs.5 lakhs), Medical Expenses coverage of Rs.75,000/- (in place of Rs.50,000/-), Family Hospitalization coverage of Rs.50,000/- (in place of Rs.25,000/-), Maternity Expenses coverage of Rs.25,000/- (in place of Rs.20,000/-), Legal Expenses coverage of Rs. 30,000/- (in place of Rs.25,000/-) etc. The insurance premium has been reduced to Rs.275 for 2 years policy period and Rs.375 for 3 years policy period.

(viii) A vigorous campaign in the print and electronic media to educate potential emigrants including labourers and other vulnerable sections like women emigrants has been launched to propagate the benefits and hazards of legal and illegal migration respectively.

(ix) This Ministry has signed bilateral MOUs with the UAE, Kuwait and Oman and additional protocol on the existing MoU with Qatar to ensure protection to emigrant workers. MoU with Malaysia and Bahrain have been finalized. Efforts are being made to sign MoUs with other labour receiving countries. These MOUs provide for a Joint Committee consisting of representatives of both countries to discuss and resolve grievances of workers.

Grants to panchayats

1178. SHRI DARA SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Twelfth Finance Commission has mandated that Rs.20 thousand crore of grant money for Panchayats from 2005—10 be disbursed by the State Governments within fifteen days of receipt of money from the Central Government;

(b) if so, the States that have reportedly delayed in transferring of grants to Panchayats beyond the stipulated period of fifteen days and the States which have done so in stipulated time;

(c) whether it is a fact that some States have diverted grant money for other than Panchayat purposes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Twelfth Finance Commission (TFC) has recommended Rs. 20,000 crore as grants to

augment the consolidated fund of the States to supplement the resources of the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) for the period 2005-10. It has also recommended that States should mandatorily transfer the grants to the PRIs within 15 days of the same being credited to the State's account.

In case of delayed transfer to PRIs beyond the specified period of 15 days, the State Governments are required to transfer to PRIs, the amount of interest at the rate equal to the RBI Bank rate along with such delayed transfer of grants. Some have states delayed in transferring the grants to Panchayats beyond the stipulated period of 15 days. A Statement giving details in this regard is enclosed. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The release and utilization of the Twelfth Finance Commission grants to PRIs is being test audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and during these test audits, sporadic incidents of utilisation of these grants for purposes other than those recommended by the TFC have come to light. These are being taken up with the State Governments concerned.

Statement

Details of reported delay in release of TFC installments to Panchayati Raj Institutions

(Rupees in lakh)

Sl.No.	State	Installment No./Year
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1st installment of 2005-06
2.	Assam	1st installment of 2005-06
3.	Bihar	1st installment of 2005-06
4.	Chhattisgarh	1st installment of 2005-06
5.	Gujarat	1st installment of 2006-07
6.	Haryana	2nd installment of 2005-06
7.	Jammu and Kashmir	1st installment of 2005-06
8.	Karnataka	1st installment of 2005-06
		1st installment of 2006-07
		1st installment of 2007-08
9.	Madhya Pradesh	1st installment of 2005-06
		1st installment of 2006-07
10.	Manipur	1st installment of 2005-06
11.	Mizoram	2nd installment of 2006-07

1	2	3
12.	Meghalaya	1st installment of 2005-06
		1st installment of 2006-07
13.	Nagaland	1st installment of 2005-06
		1st installment of 2006-07
		2nd installment of 2006-07
14.	Punjab	1st installment of 2005-06
		1st installment of 2006-07
15.	Rajasthan	2nd installment of 2006-07
16.	Sikkim	1st installment of 2005-06
17.	West Bengal	1st installment of 2005-06

Unsolved cases handed over to CBI

1179. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sensitive cases or those cases which remain unsolved are handed over to CBI;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether CBI has failed to solve even most sensitive cases;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to solve the sensitive cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Cases with inter-state/inter-national ramifications or involving larger public interest are entrusted to the CBI by the Central Government with the consent of respective State Government.

(b) The number of cases entrusted to the CBI by the Central Government/Courts during the last three years are as follows:

Year	No. of cases
2005	209
2006	242
2007	148
2008 (as on 30.09.2008)	73